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# THE MENTOR/PROTÉGÉ PROGRAM


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# *Mentor-Protégé Program*

- MPP designed to encourage Mentor to provide various forms of assistance to broaden and develop the Protégé

- The purpose of the MPA is to enhance the capabilities of the Protégé and improve its ability to successfully compete for contracts and serve as additional developmental tool

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## *What Type of Assistance Will the Mentor Provide?*

1. Technical and Management Assistance
2. Financial Assistance in the form of Equity investment or loans
3. Subcontracting support
4. Assistance in performing Prime Contracts through Joint Venture Arrangements

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# *What are the Mentor's Eligibility Requirements?*

- Mentor must commit and assist in the development of the 8(a) Participant.
  - Possess favorable financial health, including profitability for the last two years
  - Does not appear on the Federal List of debarred or suspended contractors
  - Possess good character
  - Can provide valuable support to the protégé firm
  - Once approved Mentor must certified annually that it continues to possess good character

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# *What are the Protégé's Eligibility Requirements?*

- In order to qualify as a protégé, a Participant must be:
  - Development stage of participation
  - Never receive  an 8(a) contract or
  - Have a size that is less than half  the size standard corresponding to its primary NAICS code.
  - Must be in good standing with the 8(a) Program.

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# *What Are the Benefits of in the MPP?*

- The Mentor and Protégé may joint venture as a small business  for any government procurement.
- Mentor may own up to 40% of the Protégé in order to raise capital.
- Notwithstanding the MPA, the Protégé may qualify as a small business for SBA financial assistance
- No affiliation or control may be found as result of this relationship

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# *THE AGREEMENT*

- The Mentor/Protégé must enter into an written agreement setting forth an assessment of the Protégé needs and describing the assistance the Mentor commits to provide to address those needs
- The Agreement must be approved by the AA for 8(a) BD.
- The Agreement may be terminated by either party with 30 days advance notice
- The Mentor must provide assistance for at least one year
- The Agreement will be reviewed by SBA annually
- SBA must approved any changes to the MPA

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